

Ask the Chief of the Anna Police: A weekly column allowing readers access to useful information about law enforcement issues in the Anna area.

This column is the personal opinion of Kenny Jenks and is based on his 29+ years of policing experience. It is not necessarily the official opinion of the City of Anna or the Anna Police Department. If you wish to Email, include your name and address in the correspondence. Your information will be edited before sending it to print.

Hello Readers,

I receive between 75-100 Emails each week from persons who would like to converse about the activities of the police in Anna and surrounding areas. I can't respond to or print all of them, but I do read them!

Leanne from The Falls writes: ***Dear Chief Jenks, I think your Department does a wonderful job in our town. I wanted to confirm what Sharon said in last week's column about appreciating our public safety pros. If you could answer a question for me that would be great. Does the Police Department issue a ticket for dogs barking? My neighbor's dog incessantly barks and I am a little concerned about retaliation if I ask them to keep it down. Thank you again!***

Hello Leanne,

No need to thank us, but it is always nice to hear. Regarding your barking dog problem, a police officer generally cannot be offended by the noise of a dog barking or some other noise such as music or a bouncing ball, etc. It really has to "shock the conscience" for the police officer to react to a noise problem. You, as the offended party, have to be willing to file a complaint in Municipal Court because you are the "victim." The City Court will then evaluate the merits of the case, the Prosecutor's Office will review, and the decision will be made as to whether prosecution is appropriate. In the meantime, video, audio, and date/time documentation will help you prove your case should it come to court. Remember, the complaint must address noise that is beyond what is "reasonable" and address a particular incident to get a conviction.

To our citizens, do not allow your animals to disturb your neighbors. Do not allow your radio, television, car, or children to impose or disturb them. Again my neighbors, courtesy is the answer.....COURTESY!

### **Reminder: Outdoor Storm Sirens Tested (weather permitting)**

First Wednesday of the month @ 12 noon.

**\*Phone numbers: Dial 911 in an emergency.** To have a police officer sent to you in a non-emergency, call 972-547-5350. During normal business hours, the APD number is 972-924-2848.

If you have a question or comment, please email: [kjenks@annatexas.gov](mailto:kjenks@annatexas.gov)